

### **Amendments To The Claims**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

#### **Listing of Claims:**

1.-59. (Canceled).

60. (Currently Amended) An ~~smart mobile~~ apparatus for annotating a document comprising:

a mobile apparatus;

~~a~~ data storage coupled to said mobile apparatus, said data storage medium configured for storing to store a text document and a plurality of audio comments, each of said stored plurality of audio comments annotating said text document and being annotations information records, wherein said plurality of annotations information records is linked in a hierarchical tree structure to said text document;

a document processing engine coupled to said mobile apparatus, said document processing engine configured to obtain an audio content conversion of said stored text document and at least a subset of said stored plurality of audio comments annotations information records from said storage medium for synchronous playback as an audio source; and

an annotator coupled to said mobile apparatus;

said mobile apparatus comprising:

an audio playback interface configured to receive at least one  
command for controlling playback of said audio source from ~~by~~ a user;

an audio input interface configured to obtain at least one new  
audio comment from said user at a point in said playback specified by  
said user, ~~and~~

said ~~an~~ annotator being configured to ~~generate a relationship information~~  
~~between said audio comment and said audio source, said annotator further~~  
~~configured to~~ cause save said new audio comment to be saved via said data  
storage as an annotation linked to a location in said text document based on said  
point in said playback specified by said user. ~~and said relationship information~~  
~~in a subset of said plurality of annotations information records.~~

61. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 60, wherein said data storage comprises removable media.

62. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 61, wherein said removable media comprises flash memory.

63. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 60, wherein said audio source comprises a streaming media file.

64. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 60, wherein each of said plurality of audio comments annotating said text document is stored via a file structure comprising an annotations names file, said annotations names file comprising an entry identifying users annotating said text document, wherein for each user identified in said annotations names file said file structure further comprises an annotations index file and an annotations file, and wherein said annotations file comprises at least one entry for a comment annotating said text document by said identified user and said annotations index file relates a location in said text document to said comment by said identified user.-  
~~relationship information comprises an index identifier for said comment.~~

65. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim ~~60~~ 64, wherein said annotations names file corresponding to said text document includes an entry identifying ~~relationship information comprises identification data of said user.~~

66. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim ~~60~~ 64, wherein another audio comment obtained from said user annotates one of said plurality of audio comments, said file structure further comprising an annotations names file associated with said annotated comment, wherein said annotated comment's annotations names file has an associated annotations index file and an associated annotations file, and wherein said associated annotations index file relates a

location in said annotated comment to said other audio comment.~~annotations~~  
~~information records comprises a plurality of name records, wherein each of said~~  
~~plurality of name records includes an associated plurality of index and comment~~  
~~records.~~

67. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 66, wherein said file  
structure comprises a hierarchical tree structure which comprises:

a document file corresponding to said text document at a~~as said~~ top level;  
said annotations names file corresponding to said document file at a  
second level below said top level;

said annotations index file and said annotations file corresponding to said  
annotations names file at a third level below~~plurality of name records as a next~~  
~~lower~~ said second level, ~~and~~

wherein said third level is followed by some number of sub-levels, each  
sub-level corresponding to a comment and comprising a top level comprising an  
annotations names file identifying a name of at least one user annotating said  
comment, and an annotations index file and an annotations file associated with  
said comment-associated annotations names file~~said plurality of index and~~  
~~comment records.~~

68. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 60, wherein each audio comment of said subset of said plurality of audio comments annotations-information records is selectable by has a corresponding name of a user providing said audio comment, and said user identifies one or more commenting users whose comments said user wishes to be played back while the user is experiencing the audio source.

69. (New) The apparatus of claim 60, wherein said mobile apparatus is a smart mobile apparatus comprising said data storage, document processing engine and annotator.

70. (New) The apparatus of claim 60, wherein said mobile apparatus is a telephone coupled to at least one computing device comprising said data storage, document processing engine and annotator.

71. (New) The apparatus of claim 60, wherein said mobile apparatus is coupled to at least one computing device comprising some or all of said data storage, document processing engine and annotator.

72. (New) The apparatus of claim 60, wherein said mobile apparatus comprises one or more of said data storage, document processing engine and annotator.

73. (New) The apparatus of claim 72, wherein said smart mobile apparatus is a smart telephone.

74. (New) The apparatus of claim 72, wherein said smart mobile apparatus is coupled to a computing device, and wherein said computing device comprising one or more of said data storage, document processing engine and annotator.